

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 804

By Davis

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Johnson City Coca-Cola Bottling Company upon 100 years of operation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those businesses that are celebrating special milestones in their estimable existence; and

WHEREAS, Johnson City Coca-Cola Bottling Company is one such estimable business that celebrated its 100th year of operation on February 6, 2006; and

WHEREAS, as part of the celebration, the Johnson City Commission declared February 6, 2006, "Coca-Cola Day" in honor of the company's 100 years of quality products and service; and

WHEREAS, Coca-Cola presented Johnson City with a crystal Coke delivery truck and a signed print by licensed Coca-Cola artist Jim Harrison in recognition of this special occasion; and

WHEREAS, Johnson City Coca-Cola Bottling Company was chartered as Coca-Cola Bottling Works on February 6, 1906, and the original corporate officers were J. P. Roddy, D. H. Williams, H. D. Goddard, John H. Litchenwanger, and G. H. Gallaher; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1940s, the company opened a second bottling plant in Johnson City located at the intersection of Main and Market, and the two bottling plants merged in 1969 and constructed a facility on Wesley Street at its current location; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Johnson City Coca-Cola Bottling Company was reorganized as a distribution center after bottling operations ceased, and today, Johnson City Coca-Cola Bottling Company serves six surrounding counties; the company was sold by the Roddy family to Coca-Cola Enterprises in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Coca-Cola Enterprises is the world's largest bottler of non-alcoholic beverages and a world leader in beverage innovation; and

WHEREAS, committed to philanthropy, Johnson City Coca-Cola Bottling Company supports many civic and nonprofit service organizations across the region; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly wish to grasp this golden opportunity to recognize and commend Johnson City Coca-Cola Bottling Company upon its 100th year of operation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the management and employees of Johnson City Coca-Cola Bottling Company upon 100 years of business success and quality service to the good people of Northeast Tennessee and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.